

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2008

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board (TPNRD) of Directors meeting was held at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on October 9, 2008. Mr. Stack called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm CDT (6:32 pm MDT). A legal notice of the meeting was published in the NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH. A news release containing the agenda for the meeting and including the time and place was sent to the news media in the District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hansen
Dale Margritz
Jim Meisner
Bob Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Rubenthaler
Jerry Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Holzfaster
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation
Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator
Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent Miller, General Manager
Dave Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Stack reported that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meeting Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public, and at the beginning of the meeting the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information. Mr. Stack reported that the current Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Stack reported that Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides that a Director will be considered

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excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Stack reported that Mr. Rubenthaler and Mr. Weaver had notified the office prior to the meeting that they would be absent and are therefore excused.

Distribution of Information – Mr. Stack reported that handouts were available for the public in the back of the meeting room.

Other Announcements – Mr. Stack reported that the monthly summary report of Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation plans was available for information and that the report would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Stack opened the Public Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Stack closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for September 11, 2008 Meeting – Mr. Stack reported that the Minutes for the September 11, 2008 meeting were in the Directors packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the September 11, 2008 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mr. Miller reported that Mrs. Mary Reece was ill and unable to be present. Mr. Miller distributed a written report prepared by Mrs. Reece.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the subcommittee meeting held on October 9, 2008.

Tree Program - 2008 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report showing a history of the tree planting program from 1973 to present. Mr. Hansen reported that reduced demand for machine and hand planted trees and higher fuel prices have affected the net returns negatively.

Tree Program - 2009 Planning - Tree Stock – Mr. Hansen reported that the tree stock quality at Halsey nursery recently looked good during site visits by Mr. Slattery and supplies of bare root and potted stock looked adequate from that source.

Tree Program - 2009 Planning - Machine Planting Charges - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook were reports showing the District's tree program funds for 2008. Mr. Hansen reported that last year, the Board of Directors increased the tree planting charge from \$0.62 per tree in 2007 to \$0.74 per tree for 2008. Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the tree planting charges remain the same for 2009.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the District's tree stock charges be set by the General Manager based on the nursery charges to the District and that the District's machine planting charges be set at \$0.74 per tree for 2009. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Tree Program - 2008 Planning - Policies - Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the machine planting minimum be increased from 100 to 150, which will still allow for smaller sites to be planted but at a higher cost to cover expenses. Mr. Hansen reported that there is inefficiency in traveling to tree planting sites with 100 or less trees to be planted.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the minimum charge for the District's tree planting service be increased to 150 machine planted trees. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

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Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Mr. Hansen reported that the current maximums per cooperator for Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program cost-share for tree planting sites are 200 trees and 2000 feet of fabric mulch. Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the maximums per cooperator for Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program cost-share for tree planting sites be increased to 300 trees and 3000 feet of fabric mulch.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that maximums per cooperator for Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program cost-share for tree planting site be set at 300 trees and 3000 feet of fabric mulch. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2008 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that the range interseeder has been with the District since being purchased new in 1972, and though it has seen better days, still provides a useful service occasionally on District grasslands. Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' notebooks was information for expenses and income from the machine for the last four years. Mr. Hansen reported that 150 acres were interseeded in 2005 and 15 acres in 2006 using the District's machine. Mr. Hansen reported that there was no use of the machine in 2007 and 2008.

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2009 Planning - Mr. Hansen reported that at this time there are no requests to use the interseeder. Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed that the District's machine does provide a needed service that should continue at least until it becomes economically unfeasible to keep the interseeder working.

Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee reviewed the Interseeder Service Agreement and the Interseeder Rental Agreement.

Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee agreed that for the Interseeder Service Agreement, a minimum charge of \$400.00 be part of the agreement to help meet expenses while keeping the per acre charge at \$20.00 beyond the first 20 acres planted and that the minimum charge for providing the interseeder service be set at \$400.00.

Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee agreed that for the Interseeder Rental Agreement, the \$3.00 per acre charge remain the same while increasing the District's charge for delivering the interseeder to \$100.00 per round trip,

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which will be waived if the cooperators bring their own trailer to haul the machine, that the cost of the District delivering the interseeder be set at \$100 per round trip, and that there be a 20 day limit within which the renter must return the interseeder, or pay a \$20 per day additional charge unless other arrangements are made with the District.

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program – Funding – Mr. Hansen reported that the Board of Directors, during the July 10, 2008 Board meeting, approved Motion #3 that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District cost-share rate for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program be 65% for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee had thought that it was up to each Natural Resource District to arrive at their own cost-share percentage rate for the available eligible practices and the Subcommittee therefore had agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District cost-share rate for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program be 65% and that the Land Resources Subcommittee plans to re-evaluate this change for the 2010 Fiscal Year. Mr. Hansen reported that the staff learned today that the local Natural Resources District can set the cost-share rate up to a maximum of 75% for all practices that do not have a limitation and that there is a limitation of 50% for practices NC-5, NC-13, and NC-17. Mr. Hansen reported in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Eligible Practices.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to rescind Motion #3, July 10, 2008, and approve that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District cost-share rate for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program be 65% for all practices that do not have a 50% limitation for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on October 9, 2008.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Phil Bartle – Mr. Meisner reported that the District has received a request for a variance from Phil Bartle. Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in July 2008, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District received a request from an unnamed person who felt someone may be in violation of the no new irrigated acres rule in our District. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the staff worked with the District's Legal Counsel to investigate the potential violation in the SE¼ of

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Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Philip D. Bartle was contacted and Glen Bowers and she met with him on August 25, 2008 at the site to discuss his situation. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that several options were laid out for Mr. Bartle to come into compliance. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in September contact was made with Mr. Bartle, and the option best suited for him was ironed out. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Bartle's had added 19.1 acres by using a pivot and end gun. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Bartle has agreed to de-certify 20.0 acres in the NW corner of the NW¼ of Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County (8.0 acres) and to remove the end gun off of the pivot in Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County (12.0 acres). Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a map of the acres to be de-certified and a COHYST map of the stream depletion factors. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that COHYST has been run and the new location has a smaller depletion factor than the two currently irrigated locations.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Philip D. Bartle to de-certify 20.0 acres in the NW¼ of Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County (8.0 acres) and to remove the end gun off of the pivot in Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County (12.0 acres) and to transfer those acres to the SE¼ of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County where acres were added. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Tim Holzfaster - Mr. Meisner reported that the District has received a request for a variance from Tim Holzfaster. Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that on April 5, 2007 the Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) received a request from Tim Holzfaster to use an irrigation well to fill a wetland each fall between September 15th and October 15th, and periodically between July and August. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Holzfaster and his partners are trying to restore a wetland to provide habitat to waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wetland-dependent wildlife species to the area. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD staff determined that it would be in the District's best interest if the NE Department of Natural Resources (NE DNR) was involved with discussions of depletions from this wetland. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Doug Hallum was assigned the lead position from the NE DNR. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that NE DNR ran a stream flow depletion and offset calculation for the Duck Creek Ranch wet meadow to determine what if any offset was needed. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that while the State was working on the depletion and offset calculations, Mr. Holzfaster brought to the TPNRD a request to transfer 112.8 acres from the section to the west of the wetland area. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this request was approved at the June 12, 2008 Board meeting. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the

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Board approved granting a variance to Mr. Holzfaster to transfer 112.8 certified irrigated acres from the SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, to the W1/2 of Section 7 Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County for irrigation. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this action did not allow the ground water pumped to be used for development of a wetland. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that on September 9, 2008 the TPNRD received a letter from the NE DNR regarding the stream flow depletion and offset calculation for Duck Creek Ranch wet meadows. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the NE DNR recommendation is for a total of 15.0 acres to be no longer irrigated to offset the consumptive use of the wetland project. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the following day, September 10, 2008, Mr. Holzfaster requested that the TPNRD follow through on his original proposal dated April 5, 2007 and take a variance before the Board of Director's to de-certify 15.0 acres of his newly acquired 112.8 acres so that he may use his well possibly yet this fall. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a April 5, 2007 letter to the Board of Director's regarding Duck Creek Ranch Wetland Enhancement Project, the conclusion and recommendations section from the NE DNR report, and a map of the area.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Tim Holzfaster to de-certify 15.0 irrigated acres from the W1/2 of Section 7 Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County and to use the ground water to fill a wetland each fall between September 15th and October 15th, and periodically between July and August located in the SW1/4 of Section 7 Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Municipalities Reporting Requirements – Mr. Meisner reported that municipalities are required (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-740) to report ground water use to the Natural Resources Districts. Mrs. Meisner reported that the Board of Directors on September 11, 2008 approved purchasing municipal reporting software from Integrated Computers of North Platte, NE. Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status. Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the status.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Public Hearings – No report presented.

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Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Water Budget –
No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be October 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm CDT and would be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte. Mr. Meismer reported that the stakeholders would continue discussion of a TPNRD Over Appropriated Integrated Management Plan.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District - Fully Appropriated Integrated Management Plan – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – No report presented.

Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program – Eligible Practices – Mr. Meismer reported that the Natural Resources Commission has approved an addition to the current Irrigation Water Management Practice (NC-17) to allow cost-share on soil moisture sensors and data readers. Mr. Meismer reported that the Board of Directors, during the July 10, 2008 Board meeting, agreed to continue the current policy of the District which provides that the following practices are not available for cost-share in the District:

- Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, parts F & G
- Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, part C
- Practice NC-16, Windbreak Renovation
- Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, selected components in part B and part D
- Practice NC-19, Repair of Practices

Mr. Meismer reported in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information were the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Eligible Practices with new addition included and the Natural Resources Commission Advisory No. 26.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed that they would like additional information in regard to soil moisture sensors and data readers and they requested that personnel from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service be present during the November 13, 2008 Subcommittee meeting to discuss soil moisture sensors and data readers.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program Irrigation Water Management Practice (NC-17), that soil moisture sensors and data readers not be available for cost-share in the District at this time. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer,

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Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

Open Proceedings – Doug Stack, Vice-Chair of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors and Presiding Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. CDT.

Appointment of Hearing Examiner – Mr. Stack appointed Kent O. Miller, General Manager of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, Hearing Examiner.

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller distributed the proposed “Twin Platte Natural Resources Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the Integrated Management Plan”, which was also in the Director’s packet, for information.

Mr. Miller reported that the purpose of the informal public hearing was for hearing testimony in regard to Proposed Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the Integrated Management Plan.

Mr. Miller reported that a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on September 18, 2008, September 25, 2008, and October 2, 2008.

Public Testimony – Mr. Miller opened the Hearing for Public Testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions in regard to the Budget.

There were no questions.

Close Proceedings - Mr. Miller turned the Hearing back to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Stack.

Mr. Stack declared the hearing closed 8:05 p.m. CDT.

Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the Integrated Management Plan - Order for Approval

Mr. Meisner moved to approve the following order:

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Pursuant to the procedures established in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-712 to 46-744, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District (the “TPNRD” OR “District”) adopts the following Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the Integrated Management Plan.

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute § 46-717, Reissue 2004, the District is required to adopt rules and regulations specifying the types of scientific data and other information that will be considered in the development of its integrated management plan. The complete text of these Rules of Practice and Procedures was included in its entirety in the Public Hearing Notice, which Public Notice was published at the expense of the District in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the area involved at least once each week for three consecutive weeks. The last publication was not less than seven days prior to October 9, 2008, the date on which the Board of the District voted on the adoption of these Rules of Practice and Procedures. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments and the proposed Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the District’s integrated management plan were made available during regular business hours to the public on request at the TPNRD office, located in the TierOne Bank Center, 2nd Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska.

A Public Hearing was held on October 9, 2008 at the TierOne Bank Center, 2nd Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska. All interested persons were allowed to appear and present testimony.

The Board of the District determined, after considering the testimony of interested persons who appeared and testified at the Public Hearing, that the Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the District’s integrated management plan should be approved and adopted with an effective date of November 6, 2008.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE DISTRICT that the Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the District’s Integrated Management Plan are approved and adopted and shall become effective on November 6, 2008.

During regular business hours, copies of the full text of the Rules of Practice and Procedures Specifying the Scientific and Other Data Used for Development of the District’s Integrated Management Plan may be obtained at the TPNRD office located at the TierOne Bank Center, 2nd Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska. The entire text of the Rules of Practice and Procedures are as follows:

Twin Platte Natural Resources District Rules of Practice and Procedures

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

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TYPES DATA CONSIDERED. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-717, the TPNRD hereby specifies the following types of scientific data and other information that will be considered in the development of an integrated management for hydrologically connected surface and ground water within the District:

1. Historical stream flow data.
2. Past, present, and potential surface water use.
3. Past, present, and potential ground water use.
4. Ground water data, including but not limited to, supplies, hydraulic conductivity, saturated thickness, other ground water reservoir information, and/or ground water models, if available.
5. Local recharge characteristics and rates, if available.
6. Average annual precipitation, including variations and trends.
7. Crop water needs.
8. Current ground water data collection programs.
9. Proposed water conservation and supply augmentation programs.
10. The availability of supplemental water supply augmentation programs.
11. Surface and ground water quality concerns.
12. Opportunities to integrate and coordinate the use of water from different sources of supply.
13. Ground water management objectives, including a proposed ground water reservoir life goal.
14. Existing and potential subirrigation uses.
15. The relative economic value of current and proposed uses of surface and ground water.
16. The geographic and stratigraphic boundaries of any proposed management area.
17. Current and proposed TPNRD Rules and Regulations for ground water management and use.
18. Such scientific data or other information that is necessary for carrying out the Ground Water Management and Protection Act and the District's Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer,
Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

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No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for September 2008 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer reported that the Accounts Payable report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout, and that he had reviewed the Accounts Payable and found the report to be in order.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Financial Statement for September 2008 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on October 9, 2008 in the amount of \$21,620.06. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer,
Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Budget Status – Mr. Meismer reported that the Budget Status report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Bids/Proposals – Mr. Miller reported that during the September 11, 2008 Board meeting, the staff reported, per District policy, that bids/proposals would be presented for consideration during the October 9, 2008 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a copy machine. Mr. Miller reported that the Budget provides for the purchase of a copy machine. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was the letter sent to vendors inviting proposals and the specifications for proposed copy machine and that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a summary of the bids received.

Mr. Meismer moved to accept the low bid received from B & D Office City to purchase the Minolta Bizhub C353 in the amount of \$10,155.91. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer,
Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the November 2008 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the November 13, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

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DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Meismer reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors Meeting held on September 30, 2008.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Annual Conference, September 28-30, 2008, Kearney, Nebraska – Mr. Meismer reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Annual Conference held on September 28-30, 2008,

Water Policy Task Force – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet for information was the agenda for the Water Policy Task force meeting that will be held on October 15, 2008. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Miller and he would be attending.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs - NSWCP – Eligible Practices – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook was a report and that \$44,660.59 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the September 11, 2008 contracts as presented and to approve the following new contracts:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
9.011	NC-1	Terraces	\$ 1,787.18	<u>\$ 1,787.18</u>
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 1,787.18
FUNDS AVAILABLE:		Practice NC-12, Windbreaks		\$ 24,159.72
		Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing		\$ 890.40
		Practice NC-17, Irrigation		\$ 14,729.25
		Other available practices		\$ 3,392.52

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Rubenthaler, Weaver

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the

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Directors' Board notebook was a report, and that \$5,501.45 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Corners for Wildlife Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Management – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management Plans – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds - Brule – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds – Western Irrigation – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements - Cooperative Hydrology Study – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Ground Water Management Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – South Platte Coalition – Mr. Miller reported that on August 27, 2006, he submitted an application to the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program (IWMPP) Funds for the South Platte River Compact Water Project.

	<u>IWMPP</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year One	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Year Two	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Total	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$115,000.00

Mr. Miller reported that the project is to conduct a hydrologic assessment of water that could be available for Nebraska authorized by the South Platte River Compact, under the terms of which Nebraska is permitted to divert and store water from the South Platte River during the non-irrigation season.

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Mr. Miller reported that for Year One:

- Funding approved in September 2006 for \$56,000.00.
- Contract for Year One was executed on January 23, 2007 between the TPNRD and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.
 - The contract for year one provided that the term of the grant is one year commencing with the first disbursement request, not later than January 1, 2007, and ending twelve months thereafter.
 - Expenses, therefore, could occur between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007.
- A contract with the Flatwater Group was executed in March 2007 and completed in December 2007.
- All of the \$70,000.00 budgeted was spent.
- The local match of \$14,000.00 was paid with funds available from the South Platte River Coalition.

Mr. Miller reported that for Year Two

- Application for funding was submitted in February 2007.
- Funding approved in August 2007 for \$36,000.00.
- Contract for Year Two was executed on November 28, 2007 between the TPNRD and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.
 - The contract for year two provided that the term of the grant is one year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.
 - Expenses, therefore, could occur between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.
- No expenses occurred in that period.

Mr. Miller reported that IWMPP funds were utilized in Year One for an analysis by the Flatwater Group of water that may be available for Nebraska in the South Platte River Compact. Mr. Miller reported that the Flatwater Group report identified further analyses needed for evaluating potential water supply. Mr. Miller reported that the Flatwater Group report was completed in December 2007. Mr. Miller reported that there was not adequate time between the end of December 2007 and June 30, 2008 to adequately review the report to determine which of the identified items recommended for further analysis to pursue, execute a contract with a consultant, and complete work.

Mr. Miller reported that he requested and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission has approved that the funding approved in August 2007 for Year Two (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) in the amount of \$36,000.00 be made available for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – South Platte River Compact – No report presented.

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Regulatory Programs - Chemigation – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Erosion and Sediment Control - No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Ground Water Runoff – No report presented.

Hazard Mitigation Plans – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – Fact Sheets – Mr. Miller reported that fact sheets are being developed for each Natural Resources District in cooperation with the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. Mr. Miller reported that during the September 11, 2008 Board meeting, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Fact Sheet was distributed and the Board requested the staff consider options and costs for getting the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Fact Sheet out to the public. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Fact Sheet and options and costs for getting the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Fact Sheet out to the public. Mrs. Dimmitt reviewed the options. The Board agreed that information in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Fact Sheet should be included in future newsletters.

Information & Education Programs – 2008 Awards Program – Mr. Miller reported that the District's 2008 Tree Award for Lincoln / McPherson Counties will be presented November 10, 2008 to John & Maureen Childears of Lincoln County during the North Platte Chamber Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Banquet. Mr. Miller reported that the Board Chairperson, Mr. Rubenthaler and District staff will participate in the award presentation.

Mr. Miller reported that the District's 2008 Conservation Award for Keith/Arthur Counties will be presented December 9, 2008 to Paul & Janet Heinrich of Paxton during the District's Awards Banquet. The Board of Directors meeting will be at 4:30 pm MST (5:30 pm CST) at the Lake McConaughy Visitors Center and the Awards Banquet will be at 6:00 pm MST (7:00 pm CST) at the Haythorn Ranch.

Legislation – Mr. Miller reported on the Nebraska Legislature's Natural Resources Committee Hearing held on September 16, 2008 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests for authorization to travel were presented.

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors packet.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors packet and in the Directors notebook.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Stack reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm CST (2:00 pm MST) in North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. CDT (7:52 p.m. MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary